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SUBJ: THAI TEXTILE INDUSTRY DEPRESSED

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1. PRESS ACCOUNTS OVER PAST MONTH AND MORE HAVE STRESSED THE AILING STATE OF THAI TEXTILE INDUSTRY. SALES AT HOME AND ABROAD HAVE BEEN DECLINING. IT WAS INDUSTRY'S DECISION TO CUT PRODUCTION 25PERCENT THAT LED TO TEXTILE STRIKE REPORTED REFTEL. ONE TEXTILE INDUSTRY OFFICIAL, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, HAS PROPOSED AS RELIEF MEASURES LONG TERM BORROWING FROM BANK OF THAILAND AND AN EXPORT OFFENSIVE. A CONSEQUENCE OF GENERAL STATE OF DISSATISFACTION AMONG TEXTILE PRODUCERS WAS THE RESIGNATION AT END JUNE, AND AFTER TEN YEARS IN OFFICE, OF MAJ. GEN. (RET) PRAMARN ANDIREKSARN FROM POSITION AS HEAD OF THAI TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION.

2. ANDIREKSARN TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER JULY 26 THAT AGREEMENT TO CUT PRODUCTION 25 PERCENT HAD BEEN RESCINDED BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE AMONG TEXTILE PRODUCERS,
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ALSO SAID THAT MARKET FOR THAI TEXTILES DEPRESSED IN

THAILAND AS WELL AS ABROAD. CONTENDED THAT OTHER ASIAN PRODUCERS, INCLUDING JAPAN, WERE UNDERCUTTING PRICE OF THAI TEXTILES IN FOREIGN MARKETS.

3. WOEFULLY INCOMPLETE TEXTILE STATISTICS FOR EXPORTS TO ALL MARKETS IN JANUARY-MARCH 1974 PERIOD VERSUS SAME PERIOD IN 1973 IN DOLLAR VALUE, SHOW SLIGHT INCREASE FOR COTTON TEXTILES, INCREASE OF ROUGHLY 101 PERCENT FOR SYNTHETIC TEXTILES AND A DROP OF JUST OVER 46 PERCENT IN GARMENTS OF UNSPECIFIED CONTENT. FIGURES ON TOTAL EXPORTS TO US ALONE DURING 1974 NOT YET AVAILABLE. (FOR COTTON ONLY FIGURES SEE BANGKOK A-207, JULY 30, 1974.
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